

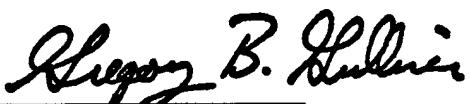
**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 2, 5-9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17-22, 26-29, 39-42, and 44 are pending in this application after claim amendments. Applicant has also cancelled claims 3, 4, 10, 13, 16, 24, 25, 30-38 and 43. No inference about the patentability of the cancelled claims should be made, other than the claims were cancelled to expedite the issuance of this application. Applicant reserves the right to continue the prosecution of the cancelled claims in a continuation application. Applicant believes that this Final Office Action Response has added no new matter. Applicant has amended the independent claims to contain the allowable subject matter as indicated by the Examiner in the Final Office Action. Therefore, the independent claims are in condition for allowance along with any claims that depend from the independent claims.

**Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing discussion and claim amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 2, 5-9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17-22, 26-29, 39-42, and 44 as now presented are in a condition for allowance, for which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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